

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-10, 16, 19, 22, 30, 34-35, 37, 39, and 47 have been amended and claims 4, 7, 14-15, 18, 20-21, 33, 36, 38, 43-46, and 48 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-13, 16-17, 19, 22-32, 34-35, 37, 39-42, and 47 remain pending.

The Examiner has deemed claims 7-8, 10-13, 20, 22-25, 36-37, and 39-42 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Towards this end, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 7 and intervening claim 6; allowed claim 10 has been amended into independent form; independent claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 20 and intervening claim 18; allowed claim 22 has been amended into independent form; independent claim 30 has been amended to include limitations from allowed claim 36 and intervening claim 33; allowed claim 39 has been amended to independent form; and independent claim 47 has been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations of allowed claim 7 and intervening claim 6.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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